

Page 4, after line 4, insert **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;**

A' Line 10, delete "Advantages of the invention";

the paragraph starting at line 11:

The method according to the invention achieves this object by avoiding the discharge of heat energy in the boundary regions of the cavity of the laminator or, which is synonymous therewith, by maintaining and, as it were, concentrating the heat back through the mold onto the inserted card which is to be laminated or onto the laminate, it is ensured that said mold reaches the precise softening temperature required for the laminating process in the boundary regions at the same time as in the central region. This not only results in an elegant appearance of the entire finished product over its entire surface, but also in the certainty that the layers of the laminate which are to be laminated to one another are also satisfactorily connected to one another especially in the boundary region and that when an individual layer is inserted, the boundary region thereof obtains the same degree of lamination as the central region.

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Page 5, delete line 20 and insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

Page 6, delete line 1 and insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;

the paragraph starting at line 18:

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In the attached drawing, the sizing laminator is denoted by 12 and comprises an upper heating plate 2 and a lower heating plate 6 which, in conjunction with a frame 7, form a cavity which is used for holding the material to be laminated

Page 7, the paragraph starting at line 1:

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It can furthermore be seen that in order to apply the required pressure in the case of the exemplary embodiment illustrated in the drawing of a laminator 12, the lower heating plate 6 corresponds with the greatest possible accuracy to the internal dimensions of the frame 7 and therefore also to the final dimensions of the card which is to be produced, with the result that this heating plate can be inserted, from below in this case, into the cavity 7a which is formed by the hollow space of the frame 7.

Page 8, the paragraph starting at line 1:

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The upper cooling body 2 overlaps the frame 7 preferably on all sides by way of a lip 2a projecting all around, with the result that it rests, as it were, as a lid on the frame 7, in which case, with stationary positioning of the upper heating plate 2 together with the assigned cooling body 1, the frame 7 can be mounted in a moveable manner and is pressed by dedicated prestressing means 10 by an appropriate pressure from below against the upper heating plate 2. This firm bearing and boundary-side overlapping of the frame structure by the cooling-body lip 2a ensure that at least on the upper surface of the finished card a satisfactory, also visually attractive lamination is obtained together with a precise boundary edge for the card which is

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produced to size. Of course, in this completed version this is not possible for the lower boundary-edge corner region of the card, since the laminating pressure has to be applied and, for this purpose, the lower heating plate 6 has to have a clearance, even if only very slight, from the inside dimensions of the frame in order to enable it to be able to be moved relative to the frame 7.

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--Thus, while there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the present invention as applied to a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices illustrated, and in their operation, may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the present invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Substitutions of elements from one described embodiment to another are also fully intended and contemplated. It is also to be understood that the drawings are not necessarily drawn to scale but that they are merely conceptual in nature. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.--

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